

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1103

CT-1103, (Trott barn C) is located on Highway four near Dunkirk Maryland. The barn is privately owned by Mr. Howard Trott. It is oriented on a north-south axis and is set on a flat plain. The barn measures seventy by thirty feet. It originally measured forty-four by thirty feet, but has had a thirty-six foot long addition built onto the south end. There are two sets of double doors on each gable end, dividing the barn into two side aisles separated by an internal row of posts. The barn was built ca. 1955 and the addition was built not long after. The timbers are all circular sawn and the nails are wire. Ventilation is extensively controlled through the use of blocked eaves and sill.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Trott Barn C

2. Location

street & number 11250 So. Maryland Blvd. (MD 4) ___ not for publication

city, town Dunkirk ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Howard Trott

street & number 11250 Southern Maryland Blvd.(MD 4) telephone no.: 744-5393

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse libenJLB 74

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 325

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1103

Condition

☒ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1103

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1103

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Willimanse-Berry

c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission	date June 30, 1990
organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning	

street & number Courthouse	telephone 535-1600
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city or town Prince Frederick	state MD
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1103

The Trott farm is located on highway four in Dunkirk Maryland, immediately to the south of Yellow Bank Road and on the west side of the highway. It is a large, operating tobacco and produce farm. There are five barns on the farm. Trott barn C is the northernmost of the barns . A farm road leads from the highway west and then makes a sharp turn to the north. The farm road then forks and runs west to barns A, B and E. The other fork continues north and leads to the south gable end door of barn C. This barn is owned by the brother of Mr. Winfield Trott, Mr. Howard Trott. It is oriented on a north-south axis and is set on a flat plain. The barn measures seventy by thirty feet. It has had a thirty-six foot long addition built onto the south end. There are two sets of double doors on each gable end, dividing the barn into two side aisles separated by an internal row of posts. The barn was built ca. 1955 and the addition was added not long after. The timbers are all circular sawn and the nails are wire.

The aisle plan consists of two wide aisles separated by an internal row of posts. This plan was the same prior to the building of the addition, as evidenced by the empty pintels in the corresponding posts of the original section where double doors once stood. The frame is supported on concrete block piers. It is divided into eight foot bays and contains seventeen rooms. The posts are circular sawn, half-lapped to the plate and toe-nailed to the sill. The plate is formed by two two by six inch timbers nailed together in an inverted L shape. The down braces, sill, plate, and nailers are all circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The south end addition has the same timbers.

There is an interesting attempt to control ventilation made in this barn. Plywood sheathing has been nailed to the west sill, and seals the area below the sill to the ground. The eaves are blocked by siding which meets the false plate. The barn is covered with vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors on four foot centers. These doors are side-hinged and constructed of double-planks. There are no ventilation doors in the gable ends.

The roof is of standing seam metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There are windbraces in all corners in the original section, and none in the addition. Three collars, king and queen posts support the roof. Tier poles are circular sawn timbers separated by forty-six inches vertical distance. The poles down the central axis are formed of two circular sawn two by six inch timbers nailed to the plate with blocks inserted between on which the tier poles are resting.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1103

This barn is significant for a variety of reasons. An exact date is known for the construction of the barn and as such, it can serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other, similar, barns for which there is no known date. The barn is also part of one of the few remaining operating tobacco farms. The four other barns on the property have also been recorded. These barns grouped together yield information regarding the economics and history of the tobacco economy, and the architectural modifications made to the barns over the years. The attempt to strictly control ventilation, witnessed in this barn by the blocking of eaves and sill, and the addition of ventilation doors, appears to be a mid-late twentieth century tendency.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historical Period theme(s): 1955; Tobacco; Agriculture

Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1955-Present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The original barn measured forty-six by thirty feet and had two sets of double doors on each facade that divided the barn into a double aisled structure. A twenty-four foot long addition was built on to the south end at a later date. At the time the addition was built, the doors and siding were removed from the original south end of the barn. The addition was probably built not long after the construction of the barn, since the materials and techniques used are the same as those in the original barn with the sole exception that in the addition the eaves are not blocked.

CT-1103 / #2076 - 5/2/90 - Howard Trott , Hwy 4 Dunkirk, west side of road .

Private
Occupied
PJM, PKM, TW recorders
Sunny
Original Site
Altered
Excellent Condition
North-south Axis

Concrete Blocks

Timber frame : Posts circular sawn, half lapped to plate toe-nailed to sill

Down Braces, sill, plate, nailers circ. sawn toe-nailed

All wire nails

Same timbers in addition to south end

plywood sheathing nailed to west sill, seals area below sill to ground. Eaves blocked by siding which meets false plate

Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors on four foot centers side-hinged double-planks, none in gable ends.

Roof standing seam metal

Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate

Top plate Lower Marlboro

Windbraces all corners in original section, none in addition

Three collars

King and Queen posts.

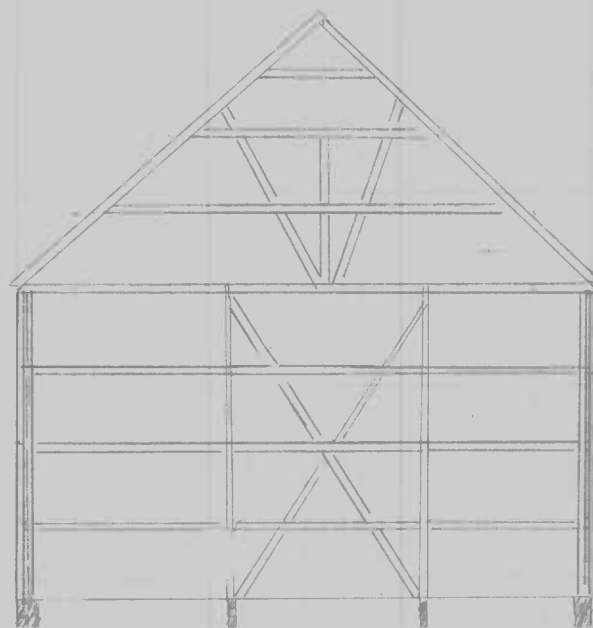
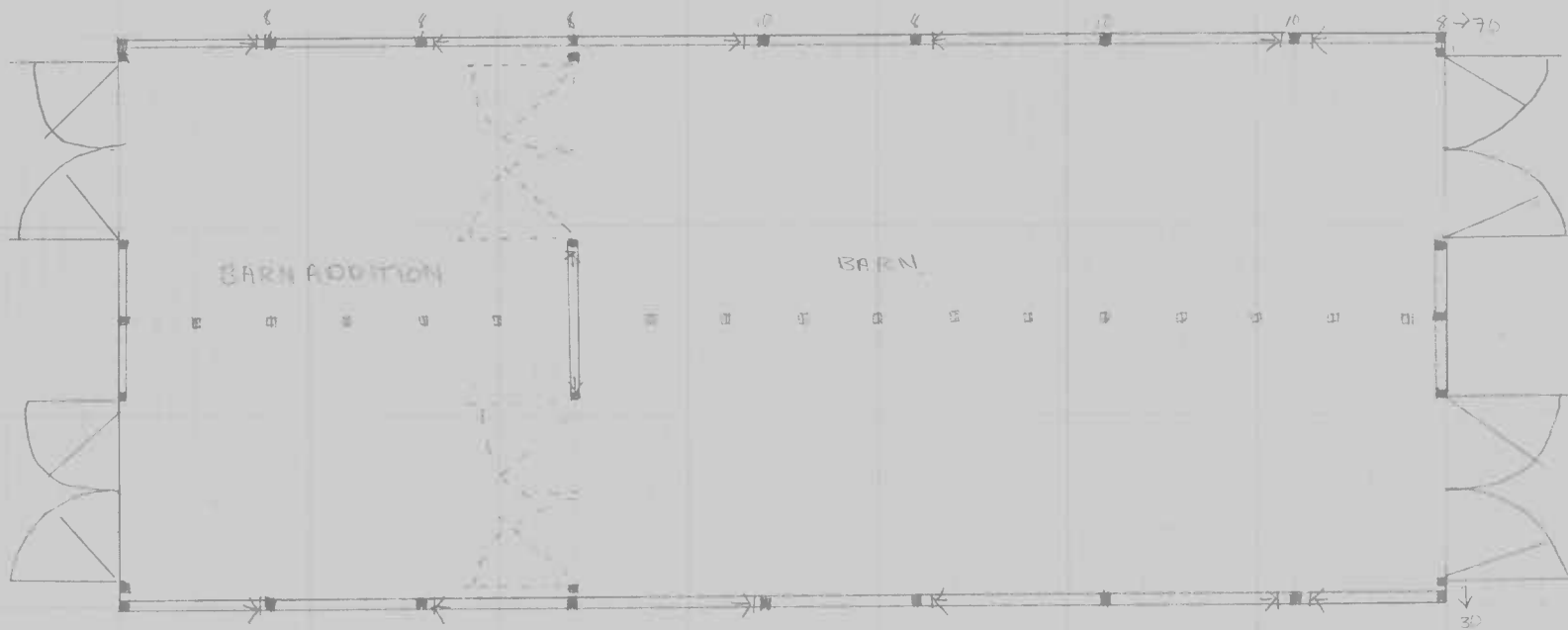
Tier poles circular sawn separated by forty-six inches vertical distance

Barn constructed ca. 1955 with addition to south end added soon after -framing and materials replicate original barn except for lack of blocked eaves.

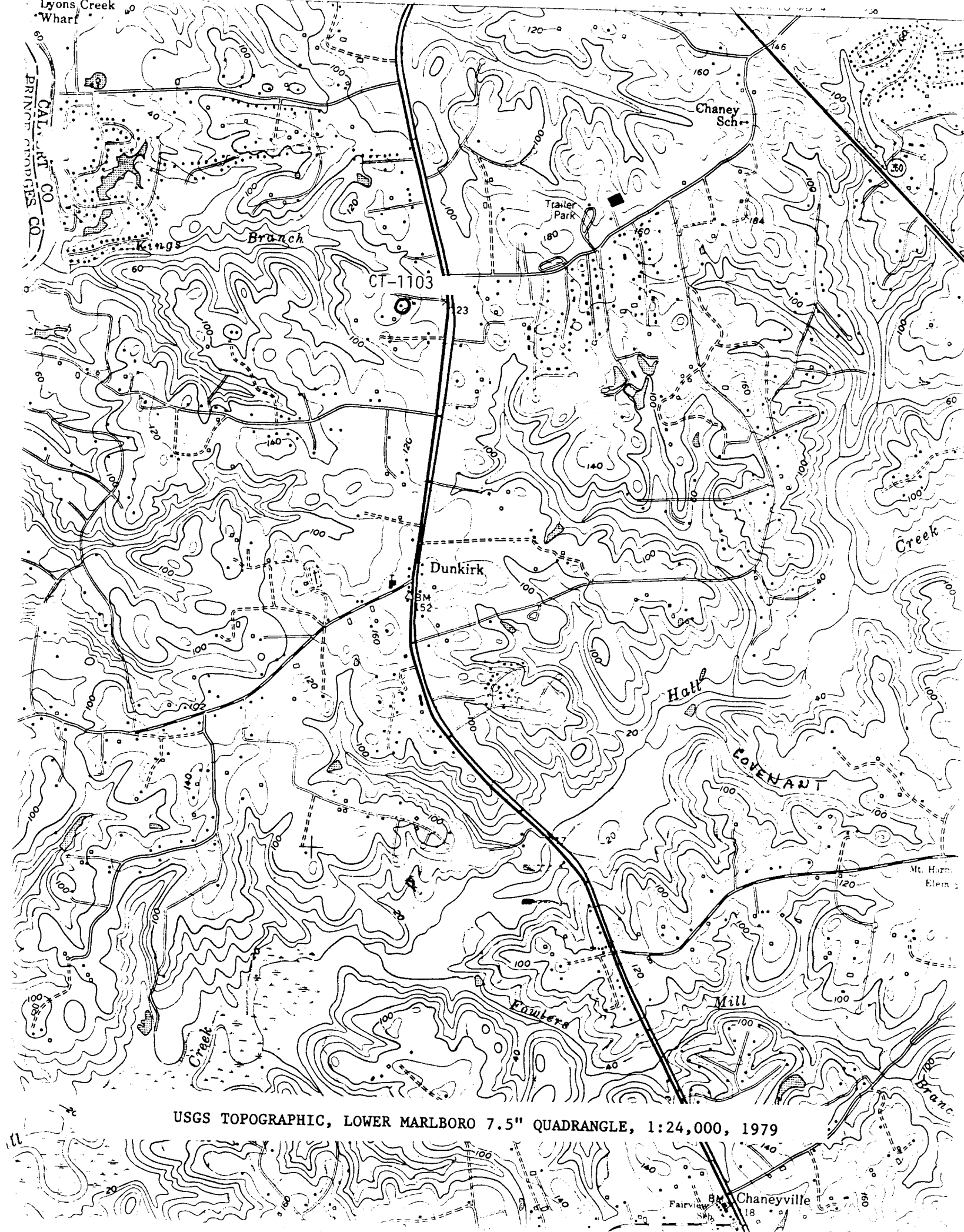
BARN #2076 TROTT BARN C 5/2/90 → N
CT-1103 (ca. 1955)

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SECTION LOOKING SOUTH
AT BARN + ADDITION
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CT-1103

Trott C.

Dunkirk

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Northeast

May, 1990